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Inquiry: If the RCP has been properly trained in the operation of the Medtronic Hepcon Blood Analyzer, would it be acceptable for the RCP to analyze blood samples and perform quality control on the moderate complexity device? The Hepcon measures activated clotting time, and tests Heparin dose response at point of care.

Response: The performance of moderately complex laboratory testing by a licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) is authorized in Business & Professions Code Section 1206. Further, the RCB has determined that the performance of moderately complex laboratory tests by licensed RCPs is highly inferred and allowed under Section 3702 of the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA).

The performance of these procedures should be conducted in accordance with a respiratory care protocol, as defined in Section 3702 of the RCPA.

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